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1. US TEAM WAS INVITED AND ATTENDED (JAMES CARROLL) SPECIAL
MEETING OF PACIFIC AREA INTERESTS HELD EVENING OCTOBER 20. COUN-
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TRIES PRESENT WERE FRANCE (FOR NEW CALEDONIA), INDONESIA, NEW ZEA-

LAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, FIJI AND UNITED KINGDOM (FOR NEW HEBRIDES). ABSENCE OF AUSTRALIA DREW CAUSTIC COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE ON OCTOBER 17 AUSTRALIAN LETTER TO COMMITTEE 4 (PLANS) ASKED FOR CLOSE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BY ALL COUNTRIES INVOLVED WITH INTERFERENCE TO OR FROM AUSTRALIAN OPERATIONS. FREQUENCIES DISCUSSED OF INTEREST TO US WERE MAJURO 1098 KHZ AND KWAJALEIN 1224 KHZ, BOTH OF WHICH WILL ALSO BE USED BY NEW CALEDONIA. FRANCE PROPOSES NEW CALEDONIA POWERS BE INCREASED FROM 10 TO 20 KW ON 1098 KHZ, AND REDUCED FROM 20 TO 10 KW ON 1224 KHZ; IFRB BEING ASKED TO DO COMPUTER RUNS SHOWING EFFECTS OF THESE POWER CHANGES. NO COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE. ANOTHER MATTER LIKELY TO ARISE SOON WOULD BE AUSTRALIAN CONCERN ABOUT THE FCC'S LICENSE ON GUAM ON 630 KHZ AT 100 KW POWER DUE COMPUTED INTERFERENCE TO TWO AUSTRALIAN STATIONS ON 630 KHZ (SERIAL NOS. 361801 AND 361802 IN IFRB COMPUTER REPORT). RECOMMEND FCC CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS AND ADVICE TO US TEAM.

2. ON OCTOBER 21, CARROLL MET WITH LEE, ACTING HEAD OF SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION. LEE INDICATED THAT THE SHIFT OF AFN SEOUL FROM 558 KHZ TO 1044 KHZ WAS FOR POLITICAL REASONS, I.E., TO GAIN A 250 KW CHANNEL IN ORDER PROTECT ROK FROM NORTH KOREA. ROK DOES NOT CONSIDER RESULTANT DOLLAR OUTLAY BY AFKN AS BEING SUFFICIENT REASON TO RETURN 558 KHZ TO SEOUL. LEE ADDED THAT AFKN'S PRESENT TOWER AT SEOUL APPEARS DETERIORATED AND SHORTENING TO MATCH NEW HIGHER FREQUENCY MIGHT IMPROVE SAFETY OF SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD. ROK IS ATTEMPTING PROTECT AND IMPROVE PROTECTION RATIOS FOR AFKN STATIONS; IN THIS REGARD THEY ARE MEETING WITH AMONG OTHERS, USSR AND ATTEMPTING ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH CHINA. MAIN INTERFERENCE ON 1044 KHZ IS INDICATED TO BE FROM 300 KW PRC STATION AT CHANGZKO (IFRB SERIAL NO. 6360); LATEST IFRB COMPUTER RUN INDICATES USEABLE SERVICE AREA OF AFKN SEOUL WOULD BE REDUCED TO 6 KM AT NIGHT VICE 12 KM INDICATED IN ORIGINAL PRINT OUT. ROK IS CONCERNED THAT NORTH KOREA, A NEW MEMBER OF ITU, HAS NOT SUBMITTED REQUIREMENTS OR SHOWN UP AT CONFERENCE; IF THEY DO SUBMIT REQUIREMENTS LATE, AS ALLOWED BY CONFERENCE FOR NEW MEMBERS, ANY ROK PROGRESS TOWARDS RESOLUTION OF INTERFERENCE WILL PROBABLY BE NEGATED.

3. THE CONFERENCE IN GENERAL IS ANYTHING BUT STABLE AND ON AN ORGANIZED COURSE TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF NEW LF/MF PLANS. MATTERS SUCH AS POWER LIMITATIONS AND PRINCIPLES FOR ASSIGNMENT OF FRELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUENCIES INCLUDING POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION ON A GEOGRAPHICAL/POPULATION BASIS ARE UNDER CONTINUING DEBATE WITH NEW VIEWS BEING EXPRESSED DAILY. FRG DEL VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ANY SCHEME FOR ASSIGNMENT BASED ON GEOGRAPHICAL/POPULATION FORMULA, AND THEY NOTE A RECENT ITALIAN PROPOSAL ON A BASIS WHICH, IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD REDUCE FRG'S PRESENT 88 TRANSMITTERS TO MAXIMUM OF 56; BUT FOR POLITICAL REASONS THEY DOUBT THEY COULD ACHIEVE EVEN 56 BECAUSE THAT NUMBER WOULD BE TWICE OR MORE THAN IN ANY OTHER WESTERN EURO-

PEAN COUNTRY. SUBMISSION OF NEW REQUIREMENTS DURING COURSE OF CONFERENCE IS FURTHER EXACERBATING THE PROBLEMS; ALTHOUGH CONFERENCE DECIDED THAT CERTAIN NEW REQUIREMENTS (E.G., BY NEW AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) WOULD BE ACCEPTED DURING CONFERENCE, VARIOUS COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED ONES FOR THE MOST PART, HAVE ARBITRARILY INTRODUCED MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS RELATING TO NEW STATIONS AND POWER INCREASES. PRIME EXAMPLE OF LATTER IS YUGOSLAVIA AND THEIR NEW REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED ON FRG (INCLUDING US) AND GREEK FREQUENCIES; FRG, USSR AND POLAND HAVE CIRCULATED DOCUMENTS TO CONFERENCE CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE HALT TO SUCH SUBMISSIONS (WITHOUT MENTIONING ANY COUNTRY BY NAME) AND A DECISION THAT SUCH BELATED REQUIREMENTS ALREADY SUBMITTED BE DISREGARDED. MATTER IS SO FAR UNRESOLVED.

4. THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF EXTRATERRITORIAL TRANSMITTERS ARE BEGINNING TO SURFACE. RECENT CONFERENCE DOCUMENT BY TUNISIA STATES IN PART "THAT THE ITU SHOULD BE ASKED NOT TO REGISTER FREQUENCIES ON BEHALF OF A COLONIAL OR AGGRESSOR COUNTRY IN A TERRITORY COLONIZED OR ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY FORCE" AND "THAT IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTY OF MEETING ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS, THE PROBLEM OF A TRANSMITTER INSTALLED BY A COUNTRY IN OTHER REGIONS OR OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED".

5. FRG DEL REPORTS TOUGH SLEDDING IN THE LF PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE WHERE THEY ENCOUNTERING UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTY WITH FRG'S OWN REQUIREMENT ALONG WITH THE FRENCH REQUIREMENT (IN SAARLAND) FOR "EUROPA 1" AND THE US REQUIREMENT AT MUNICH. DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED SOON AS LEINWOLL CAN FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF (LEINWOLL ARRIVED OCTOBER 21).ABRAMS

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